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Attorney Hesse,


I find it interesting that Apple is objecting to Microsoft's settlement offer, perhaps due to Microsoft's offer of cash, software, and computer equipment to schools in need. I think Apple pioneered the idea of discounting computers to schools and teachers in the 1980's, possibly in a smart strategy of gaining youth loyalty and influencing future sales. No matter, fair is fair.

When Bill Gates and company were working out of a garage, they had no more opportunity than any other person or company. Microsoft was literally built from nothing to an empire due to hard work, innovation, and by recognizing an untapped market.

Microsoft's biggest edge is that they pioneered the industry, and to date, they do it better than anyone else. Their business model is studied internationally. Of course Microsoft is a fierce competitor, there are no laws against that.

The bottom line is that freedom to innovate is there for everyone. This lawsuit borders on hindering that freedom. I strongly encourage you to approve the current settlement offer in a move to protect free commerce.

Sincerely,



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